

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE JOINT APPLICATION OF MULTI-PAGE, INC.,)
AND COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE ASSETS AND A)
PORTION OF THE SERVICE AREA OF MULTI-PAGE,)
INC., TO COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC., AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF) CASE NO. 9242
THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY FROM MULTI-PAGE, INC., TO)
COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
FOR THAT PORTION OF THE SERVICE AREA)
BEING TRANSFERRED)

O R D E R

On December 17, 1984, Multi-Page, Inc., ("Multi-Page") and Commonwealth Telecommunications, Inc., ("Comtel") filed a joint application requesting Commission approval of the transfer of a portion of Multi-Page's assets and a portion of its service area to Comtel. Specifically, Multi-Page and Comtel requested approval of the transfer of that portion of the radio common carrier service operated by Multi-Page in Louisville, Kentucky, and the right to broadcast and sell pagers in the Fort Knox military reservation and in all areas currently served by Multi-Page north of the main gate to Fort Knox, outside of Radcliff, Kentucky.

DISCUSSION

Before approving the transfer of assets of utilities under its jurisdiction, the Commission attempts to insure that the prospective owner of the assets is ready, willing, and able to

provide utility service to the customers of the utility. The Commission generally determines ability based on the prospective owner's financial condition. In this instance, the Commission notes that the financial statements filed by Comtel indicate that the financial viability of Comtel is questionable. However the Commission also notes from the Operating Agreement filed by Multi-Page and Comtel that Multi-Page will retain control over all facilities, equipment, revenues, and profits from the business and that Comtel will serve chiefly as a sales and distribution agent for Multi-Page. In this instance, the Commission will approve the transfer. However, in order to protect the customers of Comtel, the Commission will impose limits on Comtel's right to require deposits from the customers of Comtel. Specifically, the Commission will require Comtel to provide advance notice to the Commission of any proposed change in Comtel's deposit policy.

SUMMARY

The Commission after consideration of the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that the transfer of a portion of the assets and a portion of the service area of Multi-Page to Comtel should be approved.

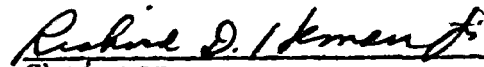
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the transfer of a portion of the assets and a portion of the service area of Multi-Page to Comtel be and it hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Comtel shall provide the Commission with advance notice of any proposed change in Comtel's deposit policy.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011,
Section 11, Comtel shall file an adoption notice and issue tariffs
in its own name within 10 days subsequent to the transfer.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of February, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary